

AMENDMENTS***In the Specification***

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

Page 4, in the figure text for Figure 8:

H1 Fig. 8 depicts an alpha amylase from WO95/26397 (SEQ ID NO:12) and the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:11).

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 121-126 and 207, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

H2 193. (Amended) A variant of a parent alpha-amylase, said variant having an amino acid sequence which differs from the amino acid sequence of said parent, wherein the difference between said variant and said parent consists of a different amino acid residue in said variant than in said parent at one or more positions selected from the group consisting of the positions which correspond to amino acid residues Q298, G299, G301, Y302, L307, F343, F403, H405, H406, D407, L427, I428, D430, and G475 in *Bacillus licheniformis* alpha-amylase (SEQ ID NO:2); wherein said